Weatherby

CENTURION AUTOMATIC SHOTGUN

INSTRUCTION MANUAL AND WARRANTY

Welcome

Welcome to the growing family of hunters who have chosen the Weatherby Centurion Automatic Shotgun. You will discover that a Weatherby is not a purchase but an investment. It is an investment in the success of all your future bird hunting. In your Weatherby you have a shotgun of outstanding excellence and reliability. Treat it with the normal care you give any of your cherished possessions and it will reward you with a lifetime of service and pleasure.

To make sure your Weatherby Factory Warranty goes on file promptly fill out the warranty card attached and mail it within 10 days. Good hunting!

Roy E. Weatherby

The Weatherby Centurion is a gas operated automatic shotgun chambered for 12 gauge 2¾" standard or magnum shot shells only. It has a four shot capacity, one in the chamber and three in the tubular magazine.

DIRECTIONS FOR ASSEMBLY

For convenience in shipping, your Weatherby Centurion Automatic Shotgun has been shipped disassembled (Illustration #1).

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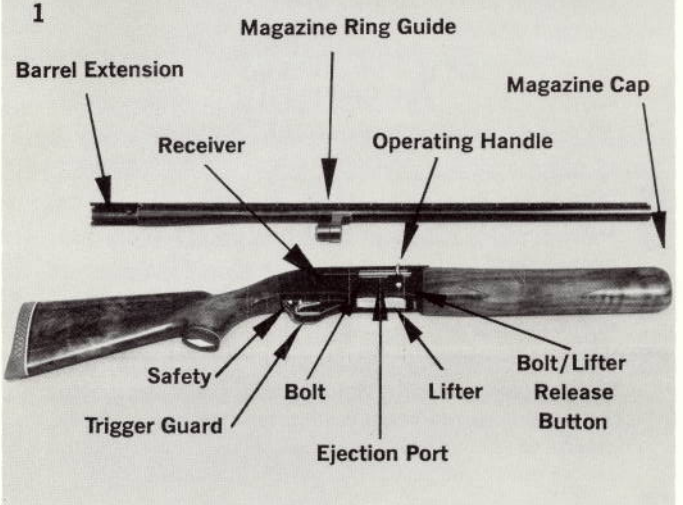
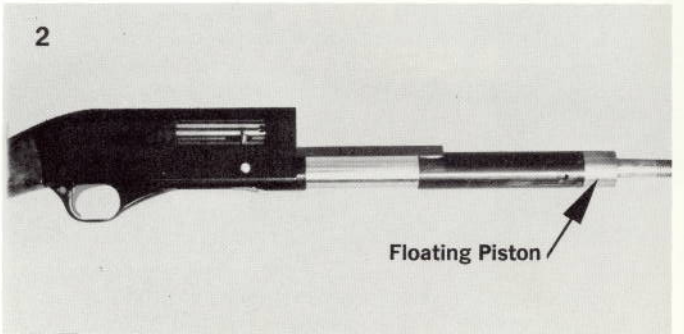


Safety Button

The safety button is located at the rear of the trigger guard. When pressed through the trigger guard, to the right, the gun is on safe. When the safety button is pushed fully to the left, a red band will become visible and the gun is ready to fire.

CAUTION! *When loading or unloading your gun, always make sure the safety button is in the "safe" position to prevent accidental discharge. Always make sure bore is free of obstructions.*



Assembly

Before assembly inspect the barrel to be certain it is free and clear of obstructions.

1. Push safety button to its "safe" position.
2. Pull operating handle of bolt completely rearward to open action.
3. With the edge of a coin or the rim of a shell unscrew magazine cap and remove.
4. Remove fore-end by sliding forward over magazine tube. Note: When removing the fore-end, make certain that the floating piston is not inadvertently removed from magazine tube extension. If this occurs, replace piston before assembling barrel to gun. (Illustration #2)
5. Place barrel extension into front end of receiver. Make certain that magazine ring guide is aligned with magazine tube extension. Slide barrel completely rearward until it is solidly butted against front of receiver.
   CAUTION: *Only barrels of same gauge and chamber length are interchangeable on the Weatherby Centurion.*
6. Replace fore-end by positioning above magazine tube and sliding it gently rearward until it is completely seated against the action.
7. Replace magazine cap completely until it is finger tight. Use the edge of a coin or rim of shell to tighten securely.
8. Depress bolt/lifter release button on right side of action to close bolt.

NOTE: *When bolt/lifter release button is depressed, bolt will automatically close. It is spring impelled. Therefore, keep your hands clear of the operating handle and the bolt itself.*

CAUTION: *Unless barrel is in gun do not permit bolt to slam forward. This can cause damage to the inner mechanism.*

LOADING

Your Weatherby Centurion Automatic Shotgun has been plugged at the factory limiting capacity to three rounds, one in the chamber and two in the magazine.

To Load the Chamber:

1. Move safety button to "safe" position.
2. Move operating handle completely rearward to lock action open.
3. Drop shell into ejection port onto lifter.
   CAUTION: *Do not place shell directly in chamber.*
4. Press bolt/lifter release button to close action. Shell will correctly position itself in the chamber.
5. To fully load gun, you must now load the magazine.

To Load the Magazine:

6. Make sure safety button is in "safe" position. Turn gun over until trigger guard is facing up.
7. Press bolt/lifter release button. This will enable you to depress the lifter so that shells can be fed into the magazine tube.
8. Press shell against front of lifter (Illustration #3). Then slide shell completely into magazine tube. Be sure that rim of shell is pushed forward past shell latch and does not slide back over or rest against the front of the lifter. This can cause a feeding malfunction.

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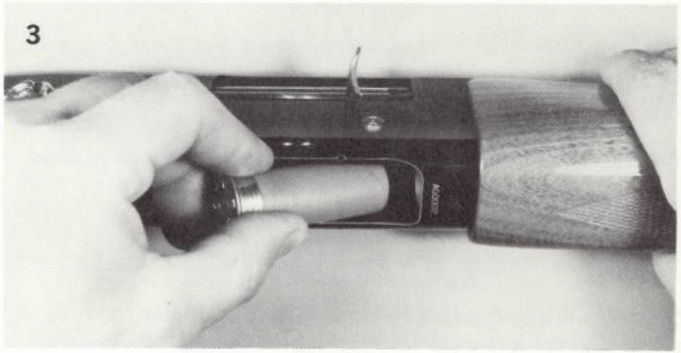


9. Repeat above step to load additional round(s) in magazine.
10. Move safety button to "fire" position. Gun is ready to fire.

To Load Chamber from Magazine:

After firing the shell in the chamber, the additional shells in the magazine tube will be fed automatically from the loaded magazine into the chamber. When last shell is loaded from magazine and fired, action will remain open.

NOTE: *If you wish to fire single shot, simply load chamber as explained in Steps 1 through 4 above, then move safety button to "fire" position. Gun is then ready to fire.*

TO UNLOAD

1. Push safety button to "safe" position.
2. Turn gun so that ejection port faces down.
3. Pull operating handle rearward to open action and extract loaded rounds. By covering the ejection port with your hand you can prevent the extracted round from falling on the ground.
4. Open and then close bolt repeatedly until magazine is completely empty.
5. With gun completely empty push bolt/lifter release button and close action.

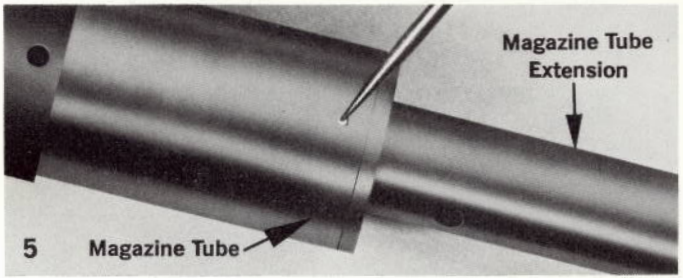
TO DISASSEMBLE BARREL FROM GUN

1. Make sure gun is unloaded.
2. Press safety button to "safe" position.
3. Unscrew magazine cap and remove.
4. Slide fore-end forward until it is completely disengaged from magazine tube.
5. Remove barrel by sliding barrel forward until barrel extension is free from the receiver.
6. Replace fore-end by sliding down over magazine tube.
7. Replace magazine cap.

PLUG REMOVAL

Your Centurion Shotgun has a four shot capacity. To load four rounds, three in the magazine and one in the chamber, remove the magazine plug as follows:

1. Be sure gun is unloaded and safety is in "safe" position.
2. Pull operating handle rearward to lock action open.
3. Remove magazine cap.
4. Remove fore-end and barrel.



5 Remove floating piston from end of magazine tube (Illustration #4).

6 With any sharp pointed instrument (a pin is ideal), depress detent pin on the magazine tube and unscrew magazine tube extension (Illustration #5).

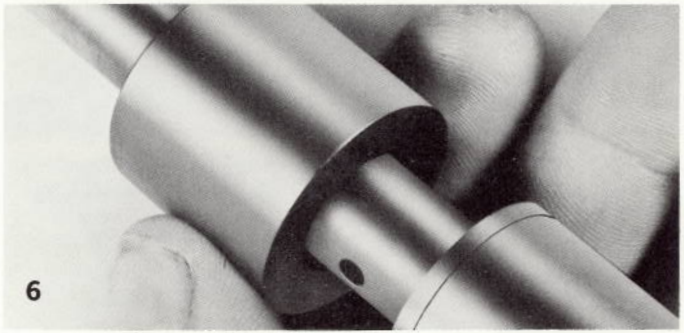
CAUTION: *The magazine plug is under spring tension, and care should be taken when removing the magazine tube extension.*

7 Remove plug from magazine spring. Do not remove spring from magazine tube.

8 Compress spring and replace magazine tube extension. When reinserting magazine tube extension into the magazine tube, do not attempt to force the detent pin past the rim of the magazine tube. When this point is reached, depress the detent pin sufficiently so that you can continue to screw the magazine tube extension into the magazine tube without forcing. When completely screwed in place, the detent pin will lock the magazine tube extension into place.

9 Replace piston on magazine tube extension so that back of piston butts against the rear of the magazine tube extension (Illustration #6).

10 Replace barrel, fore-end and magazine cap. Gun is once again ready for use.



TO REPLACE PLUG

1 Disassemble as shown in Steps 1 through 6 of plug removal instructions.

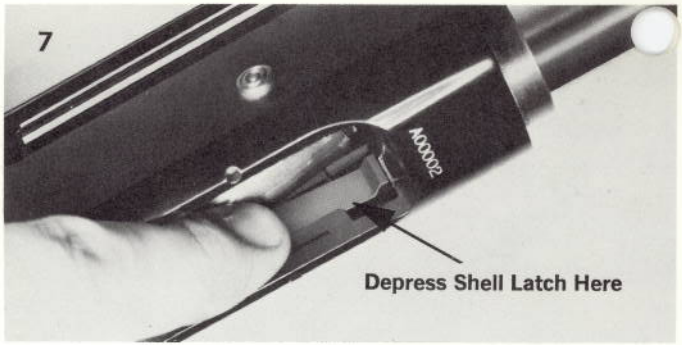
2 Reinsert plug so that the rim of the plug butts against the end of the spring. The plug body should be fed through the spring.
The top of the plug has been grooved to accommodate the spring at the bottom of the magazine tube extension. Make certain that the spring is reinserted in the groove of the plug.

3 Screw magazine tube extension into magazine tube as described above in step 8 of "plug removal" until the detent pin reappears at the hole in the magazine tube.

4 Replace floating piston.

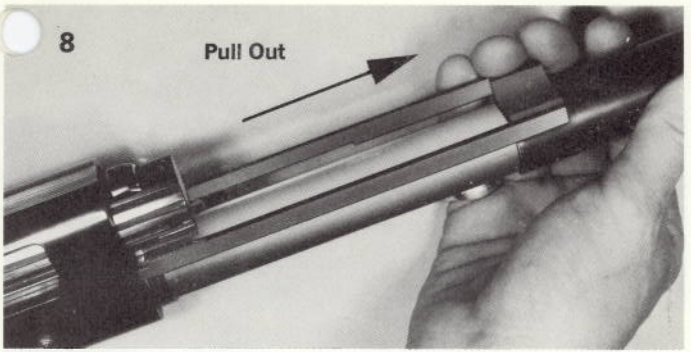
5 Replace barrel, fore-end and magazine cap as previously explained.

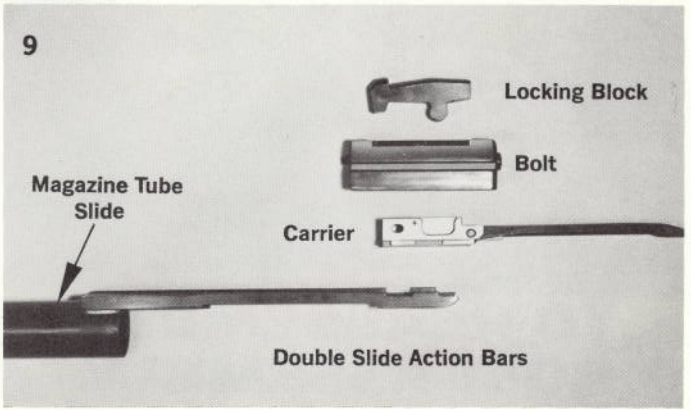
6 Depress bolt/lifter release button to close bolt.



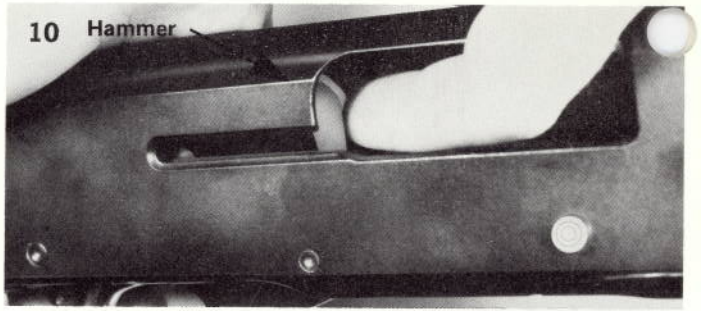
TO DISASSEMBLE BOLT ASSEMBLY FOR CLEANING

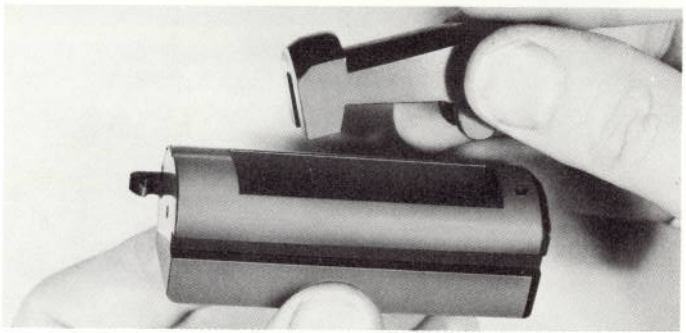
1. Place safety in "safe" position.
2. Close bolt.
3. Unscrew magazine cap.
4. Remove fore-end as described previously.
5. Remove barrel from action.
6. Operating handle is a press fit in the bolt. Remove operating handle by pulling it straight out of bolt body.
7. Remove piston from magazine tube extension.
8. Turn gun over so lifter is facing up. Depress bolt/lifter release button and depress lifter.
9. Looking down on the lifter, depress the shell latch on right side of receiver (Illustration #7). When shell latch is completely depressed, action will pop forward.
10. Holding gun level in a normal shooting position, carefully withdraw the magazine tube slide from the magazine tube. This will free both the slide and the bolt assembly from the receiver (Illustration #8).





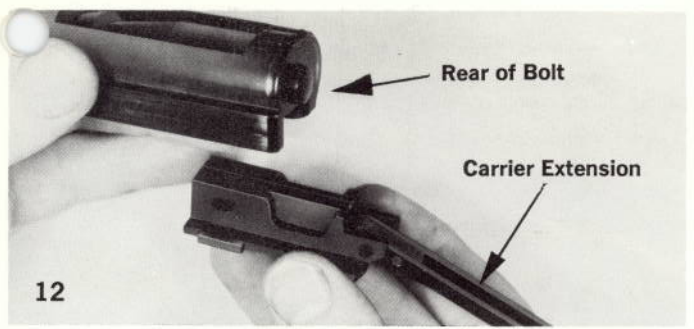
11. With the magazine slide assembly completely removed, locking block, bolt and carrier may be lifted from slide action bars (Illustration #9).
12. Lift the bolt from carrier and remove locking block from bolt.
13. Brush with solvent to clean then lubricate *lightly*.
14. Gun should be cleaned thoroughly approximately every 500 rounds.

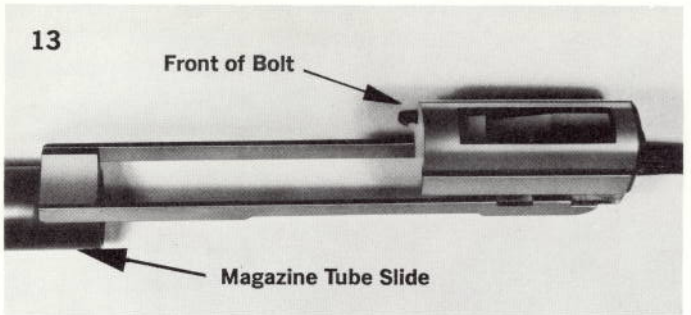


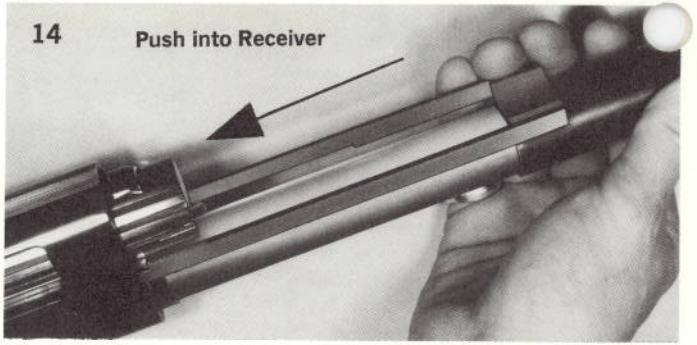


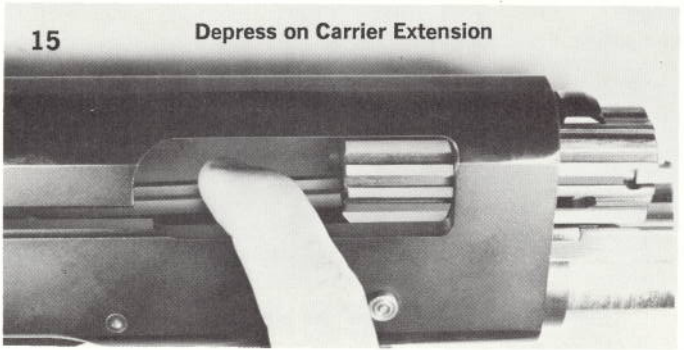
TO REASSEMBLE BOLT ASSEMBLY

1. Before assembling bolt assembly make certain that hammer is cocked. Reach through ejection port with forefinger and move hammer rearward and down to cocked position (Illustration #10).
2. Place locking block into recess in bolt body as shown (Illustration #11).
3. When properly positioned entire block will drop into place in the bolt body.
4. Pick up bolt body (with locking block already assembled) and place over carrier. Be certain that extension on carrier projects behind the bolt body as shown (Illustration #12).
5. Place carrier and bolt assembly in grooves provided in slide action bars, making certain front of bolt faces magazine tube slide (Illustration #13).
6. Holding gun level slide magazine tube slide over magazine tube. Be certain that carrier extension is fed into receiver housing. Carefully push magazine tube slide rearward until it stops. Bolt will be approximately one-half way into receiver housing (Illustration #14).
7. Now hold gun at 45° angle. At this angle reassembly can be most easily accomplished.
8. Reaching through ejection port depress carrier extension until it stops (Illustration #15).









9. With your left hand on the magazine tube slide, depress bolt/lifter release button with thumb of right hand and depress lifter with forefinger. A side pressure to the left with your forefinger will enable you to depress the shell latch.
10. With shell latch depressed move magazine tube slide rearward until bolt is almost fully seated. At this point spring tension will be encountered. This is a normal condition.

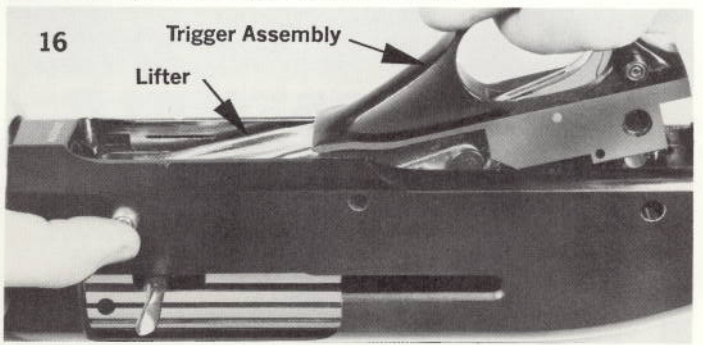
CAUTION: *In the event the bolt will not feed correctly into the receiver when the shell latch is depressed, it may be that the carrier extension has not been properly fed into the action. To correct this condition, move bolt slightly forward, reach through ejection port again and depress extension.*

Once again depress shell latch and slide action all the way rearward until the bolt is locked open.

11. Continue to move slide rearward until bolt is fully locked open.
12. Reinsert operating handle.
13. Replace floating piston as described earlier.
14. Reinstall barrel.
15. Reinstall fore-end.
16. Reinstall magazine cap. Tighten securely with coin or rim of shot shell.
17. Depress bolt/lifter release button to close bolt.

TO DISASSEMBLE TRIGGER ASSEMBLY

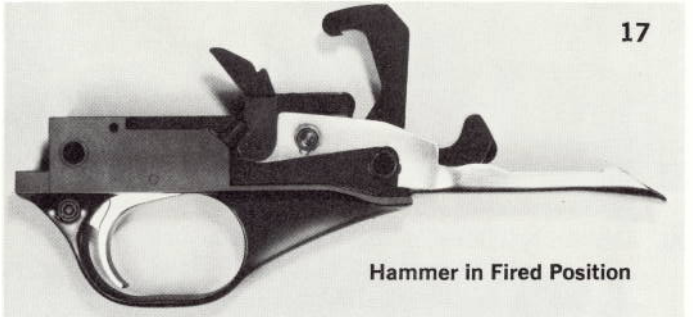
1. Make certain chamber and magazine are empty.
2. Close action.
3. From either side of receiver tap out front trigger plate pin with punch.
4. Tap out rear trigger plate pin with punch.
5. Place gun with trigger guard facing up.

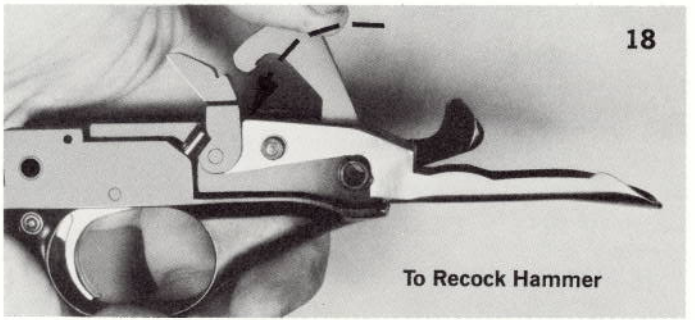


6 Depress bolt/lifter release button.

7 First lift rear of trigger assembly out of receiver, then remove trigger assembly completely (Illustration #16).

8 Clean trigger assembly as a unit with evaporating solvent. After cleaning, wipe dry and re-oil lightly.





TO REASSEMBLE TRIGGER ASSEMBLY

1 Hammer should be in cocked position. If trigger has been inadvertently pulled, recock hammer (Illustrations #17 and 18).

2 Depress bolt/lifter release button.

3 Place front of lifter deeply into front of magazine well (See illustration #16). Then position front of trigger assembly carefully into receiver with a slight rocking motion. With front of trigger guard properly positioned, lower rear of trigger assembly gently into receiver.

Make certain that trigger assembly is properly aligned in receiver and replace front plate pin. If the pin will not feed easily through trigger unit, small adjustments by hand to assure alignment will correct the condition.

When front plate pin is reinserted, align rear of trigger and tap rear plate pin into position.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS:

Cleaning

Before you fire your Centurion, make sure all grease and oil is wiped from the inside of the barrel and chamber. All metal surfaces inside and out should be cleaned and wiped with an oily patch after each use. Apply a light coat of oil only, as excess oiling will cause an accumulation of dust and burnt powder that may contribute to the malfunction of the gun. When storing for long periods, apply gun grease to all metal parts and keep in dry place. Do not plug muzzle with grease or any other obstruction.

Care in below freezing weather

Special attention should be taken that oil is removed from action parts. If a lubricant is desired – use dry graphite or similar non-congealing lubricant. Take care also to prevent rusting from condensation and wetness (cold weather to warm room temperature) on action parts, barrel bore and barrel chamber.

Ammunition

The Centurion 12 gauge shotgun is chambered to accept all standard factory 12 ga. 2¾" and 2¾" Magnum shells. It is not chambered for 3" shells. Centurion II shotguns will also accept 3" magnum shotshells **when gun is supplied with magnum barrel.**

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The Centurion 20 gauge shotgun accepts all standard factory 20 ga. 2¾″ and 3″ Magnum shells.

Barrel Lengths and Chokes

The 12 gauge Weatherby Centurion Automatic Shotgun is available in 3 barrel lengths in the following chokes:

26″ barrel	Mod.
	Imp. Cyl.
	Skeet
28″ barrel	Full
	Mod.
30″ barrel	Full

Interchangeable barrels are available.

CAUTION: *The accidental chambering and discharge of shells of the wrong gauge can result in damage to your gun. As a precautionary measure, carry only the proper gauge ammunition with you when in the field. Before firing for the first time, be certain that all grease is wiped from the inside of the barrel and the chamber.*

WARRANTY

Your Weatherby Centurion Automatic is a precision firearm, manufactured of the finest materials, which has been thoroughly inspected and tested in every phase of production. It is warranted for one year to be free of defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service. If your Centurian Automatic fails due to a defect in original workmanship or materials, all necessary repairs will be made at no charge providing the firearm is returned to Weatherby, Inc., transportation prepaid, and it is deemed defective upon the inspection of our gunsmiths. Shotgun must be accompanied by letter explaining nature of defect. This warranty shall not apply to defects resulting from accident, misuse or alteration by unauthorized persons. This warranty applies only to the original purchaser.